GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:250
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Patient Welfare Committees
Patle Smt. Kamla Devi

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the aims and objectives of the Patient Welfare Committee (PWC) set up at various hospitals in the country;

(b) whether public representative have any representation in the PWC and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether PWC are functioning in the country including Chhattisgarh and if so, the details thereof, State-wise and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether efforts have been made to improve the health services in rural areas and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) Under the National Health Mission (NHM), Rogi Kalyan Samitis /Patient Welfare Committees are envisaged to act as a forum to improve the functioning and service provision in public health facilities, increase participation and enhance accountability for provision of better facilities to the patients in the public health facilities at the level of Primary Health Centres and above. The objectives of the RKS/PWC is at Annexure-I.

(b) As per the Guidelines issued by the Central Government under the National Health Mission, the Chairperson of the Governing body of RKS at district hospital level is envisaged to the in-charge Minister/ local MP/President Zila Panchayat/ District Magistrate. The members include Local MLA, in whose jurisdiction the health facility is located, Chairperson-Zilla Panchayat, Mayor/Chairperson of the Urban Local Body at the District Hospital headquarters. Similarly, the Chairperson of the RKS at Sub District Hospital/Community Health Centre is envisaged to be the Member of Legislative Assembly /Sub District Magistrate/Block Development Officer Panchayat Samiti. The RKS of Primary Health Centre include the chairperson/member of Janpad Health Sub-Committee.

(c) The State/ UT wise information including Chhatisgarh of registered RKSs as on March, 2016 under NHM is at Annexure-II.

(d) The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) was launched in 2005 to supplement the efforts of the States to provide accessible, affordable and quality healthcare, especially to the poor and vulnerable sections of the population, particularly in rural areas. Under the National Health Mission (NHM) which now subsumes the NRHM as a Sub Mission, support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems including for untied grants to Rogi Kalyan Samitis, based on requirements posed by the States in their Programme Implementation Plans.